The State of Texas Proclamation By The Governor

Whereas, the condition of Public affairs, both State and Confederate, renders it necessary in my opinion that the Legislature should be convened in Extra Session ______ Now, Therefore, I, F. R. Lubbock, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby issue this my Proclamation, ordering the Legislature of the State of Texas to convene in Extra Session, at the Capitol, in the City of Austin, on Monday, the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1863_ And Whereas, it is believed that vacancies exist in several of the Senatorial and Representative Districts of this State: _ Now, Therefore, I do require the Chief Justices of the several counties composing such Districts (or any two County Commissioners if necessary) upon the receipt of this Proclamation, to proceed to have elections held in their respective counties, to fill said vacancies; after having given not more than ten nor less than five days notice of such election, and make returns according to Law._____

¹ Taken from Executive Record Book No. 279, 1861-1863, p. 126 (Archives Division, Texas State Library).

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By the Governor

R. J. Townes

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at Austin, this thirtieth day of December, Anno Domini, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Two, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty seventh.

Secretary Of State

F. R. Lubbock